

# ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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Potato stocks in Alaska on May 1, 2001 were 56 percent below the May 1, 2000 level. Total (bin-run) stocks still on hand, at 43,700 cwt, were 34,300 cwt. less than the 78,000 cwt. on hand a year ago. Disappearance since April 1 totaled 11,300 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to May 1 totaled 85,300 cwt.

**TANANA VALLEY** potato growers had 4,500 cwt. in storage May 1, 23 percent of production. Last year, 24,600 cwt. of potatoes were in storage on May 1.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY** potato stocks totaled 39,000 cwt. on May 1, 36 percent of production. Last year, 53,200 cwt., or 39 percent of production was in storage on May 1.

**KENAI PENINSULA** potato stocks were down to 200 cwt. This is unchanged from last year and 100 cwt. less than last month.

**MAJOR STATES** held a record high 111 million cwt of potatoes on May 1, 2001, up 28 percent from last year and 8 percent above the previous record set May 1, 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 24 percent of the 2000 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance, at a record high 350 million cwt, was up 5 percent from last year and 3 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season. Potatoes used for processing to May 1 totaled 170 million cwt, up 1 percent from last year in comparable States. April processing of 18.7 million cwt was 2 percent above last year in comparable States.

**WESTERN STATES** held 90.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage on May 1, 2001, up 32 percent from the last year and 36 percent above two years ago. Washington's potato stocks were up 79 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's were up 25 percent. Oregon's stocks were up 11 percent and Montana's swelled 150 percent. Colorado's stocks were equal to last year but California's were down 27 percent.

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AREA	STOCKS				PRODUCTION		May 1 Stocks as Percent of Production	
	MAY 1		APR. 1					
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2000	1999	2001	2000
	----- 1,000 Cwt. -----						-- Percent --	
TANANA VALLEY	4.5	24.6	6.7	29.0	19.5	48.8	23	50
MATANUSKA VALLEY	39.0	53.2	48.0	63.0	108.5	135.0	36	39
KENAI PENINSULA	.2	.2	.3	.3	1.0	1.2	0	17
TOTAL	43.7	78.0	55.0	92.3	129.0	185.0	34	42

STOCKS ARE DEFINED AS THE QUANTITY REMAINING IN STORAGE FOR ALL PURPOSES AND USES, INCLUDING SHRINKAGE AND WASTE AND OTHER LOSSES AFTER MAY 1.

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